

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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TO: **WALMART INC.**, who may be served with process by serving its registered agent, **CT CORPORATION SYSTEM** and/or any other authorized officer or agent therein at **199 BRYAN ST., STE. 900, DALLAS, TX 75201** or wherever he/she may be found

Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the **Plaintiff's Original Petition, Jury Demand and Request for Initial Disclosures** at or before ten o'clock A.M. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of this citation before the Honorable **County Court at Law Number 3**, El Paso County, Texas, at the Court House of said County in El Paso, Texas.

Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on this the 29th day of August, 2019, by Attorney at Law, **ALEJANDRO ACOSTA, III**, 906 N. MESA ST., 2ND FLOOR, EL PASO, TX 79902 in this case numbered **2019DCV3394** on the docket of said court, and styled:

MARIA ARCHULETA
VS.
WALMART INC.

The nature of Plaintiff's demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of the **Plaintiff's Original Petition, Jury Demand and Request for Initial Disclosures** accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at El Paso, Texas, on this the 9th day of September, 2019

CLERK OF THE COURT

NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU
District Clerk
El Paso County Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio Ave, RM 103
El Paso, Texas 79901



Attest: NORMA FAVELA BARCELEAU District Clerk
El Paso County, Texas

By I. Ramirez, Deputy
Ignacita Ramirez

THIS PROCESS WAS DELIVERED
AT 235 O'CLOCK P M
THIS 01 DAY OF October 2019
CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1
DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
BY DEPUTY: [Signature] 104

Rule 106: "the citation shall be served by the officer delivering to each defendant, in person, a true copy of the citation with the

date of delivery endorsed thereon and with a copy of the petition attached thereto."

EXHIBIT
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RETURN

Came on hand on _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ o'clock ____ M., and executed in _____ County, Texas, by delivering to each of the within-named defendants, in person, a true copy of this Citation, having first endorsed thereon the date of delivery, together with the accompanying true and correct copy of the **Plaintiff's Original Petition, Jury Demand and Request for Initial Disclosures**, at the following times and places, to-wit:

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And not executed as to the defendant, _____

The diligence used in finding said defendant, being _____

And the cause of failure to execute this process is: _____

And the information received as to the whereabouts of the said defendant, being _____

FEES—SERVING _____ copy _____ \$ _____ Sheriff

_____ County, Texas

Total _____ \$ _____ by _____ Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

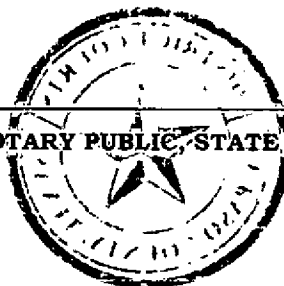
I do hereby certify that I delivered to _____, on the _____ day of _____ 20____, at _____ o'clock ____ m. this copy of this instrument.

_____, Sheriff/Agent
_____, County, Texas
By _____, Deputy/Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS



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IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NUMBER _____
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

MARIA ARCHULETA

Plaintiff,

vs.

WALMART INC.

Defendant.

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Cause No. 2019-DCV-_____

**PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION, JURY DEMAND
AND REQUEST FOR INITIAL DISCLOSURES**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW MARIA ARCHUELTA (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff")
complaining of WALMART INC., (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant") for a cause of action
would show this Court and/or Jury the following:

I. DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

Pursuant to Rule 190, discovery in this case will be conducted in Level III.

II. RELIEF

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47(c)(4) Plaintiff seeks monetary relief over
\$200,000.00 but not more than \$1,000,000.00 and a demand for judgment for all the other relief
to which the party deems herself entitled.

III. PARTIES

Plaintiff is a resident of El Paso County, Texas. Plaintiff's last three digits of her Social
Security number is 198.

Defendant WALMART INC., is a foreign corporation doing business in El Paso County, Texas
and may be served with process by serving its registered agent, C T CORPORATION SYSTEM,

and/or any other authorized officer or agent therein, at 199 BRYAN ST. STE 900 DALLAS, TX 75201, Texas 79903 and/or wherever may be found.

IV. FACTS

On or about April 17, 2019, Plaintiff was on the premises owned, operated and controlled by Defendant located at 1850 N Zaragoza Rd, El Paso, Texas 79936 as invitee when she fell on a foreign substance on the floor, causing injury Plaintiff sustained injuries to her knee, back, right arm and other parts of her body. Consequently, Plaintiff was an invitee to whom Defendant owed a duty to use reasonable care, including the duty to protect and safeguard Plaintiff from unreasonably dangerous conditions on the premises or to warn of their existence.

V. PREMISES LIABILITY

While upon Defendant's premises, Plaintiff suffered bodily injuries as a direct result of the fall proximately caused by a dangerous condition, which Defendant created, knew, or in the exercise of ordinary care, should have known existed. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendant, its agents, servants and employees negligently created, caused and/or negligently permitted such condition to exist and/or negligently failed to warn Plaintiff of the condition of the premises, despite the fact that Defendant, its agents, servants and employees created, knew, or in the exercise of ordinary care, should have known of the existence of the condition and that there was a likelihood of someone being injured as happened to Plaintiff.

Alternatively, and without waiving the foregoing, Plaintiff would also show that Defendant owed a duty to Plaintiff, that Defendant breached that duty and that such breach was a proximate cause of the injury and the resulting damages to Plaintiff.

VI. NEGLIGENCE OF DEFENDANT

Defendant owed a reasonable degree of care to Plaintiff. Plaintiff alleges that Plaintiff's injuries and damages were proximately caused by the negligence of Defendant arising from one or more of the following alternative theories of negligence on the part of Defendant:

- a. In failing to adequately train its employees on how to exercise reasonable care to reduce or eliminate the risk by correcting the dangerous condition of the slippery substance on the floor.
- b. In failing to properly clean, sweep, mop, buff, or warn of the condition of the area in question;
- c. In failing to inspect the premises for substances on the floor;
- d. In failing to inspect the premises in order to discover the dangerous condition of the area in question;
- e. In failing to correct the dangerous condition of the area in question;
- f. In failing to warn visitors, including Plaintiff, that a dangerous condition existed which required extra care to be taken by them when entering the area when Defendant knew or should have known that the area in question was dangerous;
- g. In failing to establish and enforce safety rules and regulations for protecting invitees from slip and falls;
- h. In failing to establish and enforce safety rules and regulations to correct the existing dangerous conditions;
- i. In failing to adequately supervise employees in regular inspection and cleaning of the area in question;
- j. In failing to teach and educate its employees on the maintenance of the area in question; and

One or more of the foregoing negligent acts and omissions, whether taken singularly or in any combination, was a proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages which are described below.

VII. PLAINTIFF'S DAMAGES

As a direct and proximate result of the occurrence, Plaintiff suffered bodily injuries. As a further result of the occurrence, Plaintiff has incurred expenses for medical care, attention and other expense. Such expenses incurred were necessary for the care and treatment of the injuries sustained by Plaintiff and the charges made and to be made were the usual and customary charges for such services. Plaintiff will require further medical care and attention and will

necessarily incur reasonable expenses in the future for such medical needs. As a result of the occurrence, Plaintiff has suffered loss of earning capacity in the past and will suffer a loss of wage-earning capacity in the future. Plaintiff has suffered pain and suffering in the past. Plaintiff will continue to suffer pain and suffering in the future. Plaintiff has suffered mental pain and anguish in the past. Plaintiff will continue to suffer mental pain and anguish in the future. As a result of the occurrence, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer impairment to her body in the future. Plaintiff has suffered disfigurement.

VIII. PUNITIVE DAMAGES

Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages because of Defendant's gross negligence. Defendant's acts or omissions, when viewed objectively from the standpoint of Defendants at the time of the occurrence, involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to others and of which the Defendants had actual, subjective awareness of the risk involved, by nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety, or welfare of others. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages in a sufficient amount to punish Defendants for their reckless, heedless and intentional conduct and to set an example for others that such conduct will not be tolerated.

IX. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs request a jury trial and have tendered the appropriate fee.

X. REQUEST FOR INITIAL DISCLOSURES

Pursuant to Rule 194 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant are requested to disclose, within 51 days of service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a) through (i).

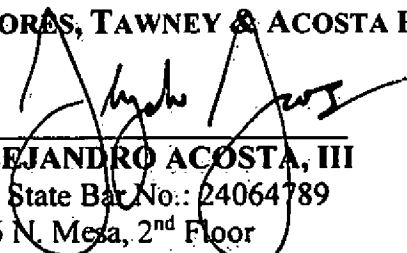
Plaintiff hereby notifies Defendant that Plaintiff intends to use Defendant's discovery answers and responses, including any evidence produced in response to such discovery, as evidence in trial in accordance with such right and privileges established by TEX. R. CIV. P. 193.7.

XI. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff requests the Defendant be cited to appear and answer, and that upon final trial, Plaintiff have judgment against Defendant for all relief requested for punitive damages, for pre-judgment interest, post judgment interest, for costs of this suit, and for such other and further relief, general and special, at law or in equity, to which Plaintiff is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORES, TAWNEY & ACOSTA P.C.



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CONSTABLE'S RETURN**Style of Case:** MARIA ARCHULETA VS. WALMART INC.

Came into hand, this 30 day of SEPTEMBER, 20 19 AT 11:43
 o'clock A M. by executing and delivering a CITATION
2019DCV339
 state of TEXAS under cause number: 4 01 day
OCTOBER, 20 19, at 2:35 o'clock P M., to:
 personally delivered/served true and correct copies of same.

OTHER NOTES:

pursuant to Rule 106/Rule 536, to an occupant:
 over the age of 16 years.

☐ pursuant to Rule 106/Rule 536, by securely attaching
 and/or affixing to the of the defendant's last known place of
☐ business ☐ abode.

☐ WALMART INC. ☐ A Corporation ☐ A Business

Name: CT CORPORATION ☐ President ☐ Vice-President ☒ Registered Agent

☒ By delivering to the defendant's registered agent for service, C.T. CORPORATION SYSTEM,
 through Their authorized agent to accept service KIM HIGHTOWER SOP INTAKE ASSOCIATE
 at 1999 BRYAN ST STE 900 Dallas, Texas 75201.

Service Address: 1999 BRYAN ST STE 900 DALLAS TEXAS 75201

☐ RETURNED TO COURT AND/OR PLAINTIFF FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

Service Fees: \$ 80.00

COUNTY OF DALLAS

STATE OF TEXAS

Sgt. Oluwole #104
 SGT. OLUWOLE #104

TRACEY L. GULLEY, CONSTABLE
 DALLAS COUNTY PRECINCT 1

SIGNED AND SWORN BY SAID _____, before me, this _____

Day Of _____ 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC-IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Cause No. 2019DCV3394

DEFENDANT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S
ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, WALMART, INC. (proper entity being Wal-Mart Stores Texas, LLC), the defendant in the above-entitled and captioned cause and timely files its Original Answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition, and by its Original Answer, would respectfully show the Court as follows:

I.

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 92, Defendant enters a General Denial Answer and places all of the matters pled by Plaintiff in this case in issue, demanding strict proof of all of Plaintiff's allegations made herein by a preponderance of the evidence as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant prays that it be allowed to go hence, without delay, and with its costs.

Respectfully submitted,

**MOUNCE, GREEN, MYERS,
SAFI, PAXSON & GALATZAN**

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By: /s/ Laura Enriquez

Laura Enriquez

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Attorneys for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In compliance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21a (e), I certify that on this 16th day of October 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document filed electronically with the clerk of the court in accordance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21 (f)(1), and served electronically to the following counsel of record:

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/s/ Laura Enriquez
Laura Enriquez

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DEFENDANT'S JURY DEMAND AND SUBMISSION OF FEE

COMES NOW Defendant WALMART, INC., having filed with the clerk of the court a written request for jury trial in compliance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 216(a), herewith deposit with the clerk the jury fee of FORTY DOLLARS (\$40.00). The clerk, pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 216(b), is requested to promptly enter a notation of payment of such fee upon the court's docket sheet.

Respectfully submitted,

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